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1. CHINA

WP REPORTS WASHINGTON ARRIVAL THURSDAY NIGHT OF HIGHEST-RANKING PRC SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION TO VISIT US, FOR MONTH OF DISCUSSIONS. NOTES SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO THIS LONG-SCHEDULED VISIT, SINCE PRECEDES PREPARATIONS FOR PLANNED FORD TRIP TO PRC, WITH HAK GOING PEKING IN MID-OCT TO SET STAGE. SECRETARY SEEING DELEGATION SATURDAY MORNING; 14-MAN GROUP LED BY CHOU PEI-YUAN, ALSO INCLUDES THREE OTHER US-TRAINED SCIENTISTS; WILL TRAVEL ACROSS COUNTRY GIVING LECTURES, DISCUSSING UNCLASSIFIED

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RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH US COUNTERPARTS. US OFFICIALS HOPE DISCUSS WITH THEM EXPANSION SINO-US SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. VISIT SPONSORED BY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH PRC, WHICH REPRESENTS NATIONAL

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL.

WSTAR'S CRISTINE RUSSELL (9/25) QUOTES NAS PRES HANDLER THAT THREE PRIOR YEARS OF SINO-US EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN "KIND OF SCIENTIFIC TOURISM"; BUT WITH ARRIVAL NEW PRC

SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION, HOPE IS PROGRAM CAN EVOLVE INTO MORE SUBSTANTIVE INTERCHANGES--EVEN TO JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS, ACCORDING MIT'S DR. PRESS.

FORMER BRITISH PM HEATH, FOLLOWING PRC VISIT, TOLD HK NEWS CONFERENCE FRIDAY THAT PEKING IS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IT SEES AS SOVIET THREAT TO EUROPE, BUT IS CONFIDENT ANY SOVIET VENTURE TOWARD CHINA WOULD FAIL. ADDED THAT PEKING BELIEVES EUROPE MUST REMAIN STRONG, VIGILANT, TO SOVIET INTENTIONS, AND MAO HAD QUESTIONED WHETHER EUROPEANS REALLY AWARE HOW SOVIET WORKS AND DANGERS IN THAT (REUTER HK).

AP (TOKYO) SEES LE DUAN-LED NVN DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FROM PEKING -- WITHOUT SEEING CHOU EN-LAI -- SUGGESTING PREMIER'S LONG ILLNESS HAS TAKEN TURN FOR WORSE (AP, NYT).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT, HK) SEES PRC CONTINUING PRESSING RURAL RESETTLEMENT CITY YOUTH AT INEXORABLE PACE WITH 1.5 MILLION JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS ESTIMATED TO HAVE RESETTLED IN COUNTRYSIDE.

2. INDOCHINA

JOHN GUNTHER DEAN NOMINATED AMB TO DENMARK (NYT).

PRC LOAN, TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PEKING NEGOTIATED BEFORE LE DUAN VISIT; LOAN AMOUNT NOT MENTIONED, BUT BELIEVED SUBSTANTIAL IN VIEW VN'S NEEDS, PRC'S ANXIETY UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVENT NVN LEANING TOO MUCH ON USSR. PRC TRYING PERSUADE HANOI FOLLOW ANTI-SUPERPOWER HEGEMONISM LINE, BUT NVN DEMONSTRATING INDEPENDENT LINE. LE DUAN LEFT PEKING TO VISIT OTHER CITIES; FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF TRIP CANNOT BE GUAGED UNTIL PUBLICATION JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END WK-LONG VISIT (WU, SUN).

AFSC, MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ASK USG LIFT TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VN, IN TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMM ON INTL TRADE. URGE NORMALIZATION RELS WITH VN, EXTENDING ECON AID (WP).

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CSM'S WINDER AT PENDLETON NOTES CAMP'S CLOSING, BUT 29,000 STILL AWAIT RESETTLEMENT. POINTS OUT JOBS HARDER TO FIND THAN NEW HOMES. SAYS UNABLE OBTAIN EXACT FIGURE FOR REFUGEES WHO HAVE FOUND JOBS.

FAMILIES AWAIT COURT RULINGS FOR ADOPTION CAMBODIAN ORPHANS; QUESTION OF RELIGION OF PROSPECTIVE PARENTS IS ISSUE IN CASE INVOLVING PLACEMENT "BABYLIFT" CHILDREN BY SECTARIAN ORGANIZATION (AP, WP).

PROPRIETORS NUDIST COLONY REBUFFED BY US CATHOLIC CONF IN ATTEMPT SPONSOR REFUGEES (AP, SUN).

3. JAPAN

AP (TOKYO) SAYS EMPEROR HIROHITO'S US VISIT WILL BE FULFILLMENT OF WISH HE MADE 50 YEARS GO, WHEN, DURING 1921 COURTESY CALL ON COMMANDER OF US ATLANTIC FLEET ABOARD FLAGSHIP PITTSBURG IN GIBRALTAR, HE TOLD ADMIRAL WOULD PLAN US VISIT UPON RETURN FROM EUROPE -- BUT SUBSEQUENT TURNS IN JAPANESE-US RELATIONS ROBBED HIM OF WISH. EMPEROR SPENT PART OF SUMMER BUILDING UP STAMINA/PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR US TRIP; ALSO SAT THROUGH LECTURES BY JAPANESE EXPERTS ON US LIFE, HISTORY, DIPLOMACY, RACIAL PROBLEMS, WATERGATE, ETC. US VISIT WILL BE LONG ON FORMALITY, WITH NO ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD RUN COUNTER JAPANESE CUSTOMS/TRADITION; UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTED TO BE ALL SMILES, BOWS, EXCHANGING OF FORMAL GREETINGS (BALT NA 9/25).

IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD, NATIONAL POLICE, FORMINISTRY HAVE BEGUN "CONSULTATIONS" ON ADDED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR EMPEROR'S US TRIP BECAUSE OF TWO APPARENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST PRES FORD, ACCORDING ASAHI SHIMBUN. ADDS THAT JAPAN WILL ASK US STRENGTHEN SECURITY FOR EMPEROR; BUT SAYS JAPANESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE MONDAY'S ATTACK ON FORD CONDUCTED BY US RADICALS, AND THESE GROUPS UNLIKELY TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST EMPEROR'S US VISIT (AP TOKYO, WSTAR 9/25).

TRADITIONAL "BANZAI" CRY WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM OFFICIAL HONOLULU FUNCTIONS FOR EMPEROR AND WIFE; OFFICIALS FEARFUL USE OF CHEER MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED BY CERTAIN SEGMENTS US COMMUNITY, REVIVE "UGLY MEMORIES" OF WAR (AP, NYDN).

UPI'S OHE, IN TOKYO, WRITES OF EMPRESS; SAYS SHE EMBODIES PRE-WAR IDEALS OF JAPANESE WOMANHOOD--OBEDIENCE, SILENCE, SELF-EFFACEMENT (WSTAR 9/25).

CHITRIB'S YATES IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPAN RAPIDLY
SHIFTING SPHERE OF INVESTMENTS/TRADE FROM ASIA TO

SOUTH AMERICA, IN MOVE NOT LOUDLY TRUMPED BY GOJ,
FEARING PERHAPS ADVERSE REACTIONS IN US. SOUTH AMERICA
REPRESENTS STOREHOUSE OF RAW MATERIALS, AGRIC PRODUCTS;
ALSO, LATINS LESS SUSPICIOUS OF JAPANESE THAN ASIANS.

OSAKA SHIPBUILDING CO, OWNER OF SHIP SEIZED BY PIRATES
IN PHILS 9/26, PREPARED PAY ONE MILLION PESOS (130,000
DOLS) RANSOM, ACCORDING FIRM SPOKESMAN (REUTER TOKYO).

4. KOREA

NK OBSERVER AT UN, KWONMIN JUN, THURSDAY REJECTED US
CALL FOR TALKS ON WAYS TO CONTINUE ARMISTICE; SAID
US PROPOSAL "CANNOT BECOME SUBJECT OF ANY DISCUSSION";
REVIVED NK PROPOSAL THAT US, NK CONCLUDE SEPARATE
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PEACE TREATY WITHOUT SK (AP NYT, WP).

SEOUL CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE FRIDAY POSTPONED VERDICT
IN TRIAL OF KIM DAE-JUNG ON CHARGES HE VIOLATED
ELECTION LAW, PENDING OUTCOME OF DEFENDANT'S SUIT
AGAINST COURT ON GROUNDS 3-MAN PANEL OF JUDGES ACTED
UNFAIRLY IN FAILING SUMMON KEY DEFENSE WITNESSES.

5. TIMOR

INDO TROOPS GO INTO ACTION, KILL 15 FRETILIN SOLDIERS
ON INDO SIDE BORDER (WP). FIGHTING BROKE OUT WHEN
200 FRETILIN SOLDIERS CROSSED INTO INDO TERRITORY
(REUTER, SUN). PORT CHARGE AT JAKARTA ASKS GOI
HELP ARRANGE RELEASE 20-25 PORT SOLDIERS HELD BY UDT
(WP; RETUER, SUN). OFFICIAL JAKARTA SOURCES SAY GOI
MAY INTERVENE TO STRIKE AT FRETILIN BASES TO PREVENT
FURTHER ATTACKS ON ITS TERRITORY (REUTER JAKARTA).

6. AUSTRALIA

WHITLAM SAYS GOVT WILLING LET FOREIGN INVESTORS ACQUIRE
UP TO 50 PCT STAKE IN NEW MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
THOUGH MAXIMUM AUSSIE CONTROL MINERAL WEALTH STILL LONG-
TERM GOAL (WSJ). NEW OIL PRICE POLICY EXPECTED INCREASE
EXPLORATION. TWO-LEVEL PRICING SYSTEM INTRODUCED WITH
HIGHER PRICE ALLOWED FOR OIL FROM NEW FIELDS THANFROM
EXISTING ONES, THOUGH PRICE FROM EXISTING FIELDS OIL
ALSO RAISED (STOVE, JOC).

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE STILL CONTROVERSIAL. LATEST SQUABBLE

INVOLVES RENTS PAID BY OPERA COMPANY, BALLET TROUPE.
OPERA HOUSE NOW FAMOUS LANDMARK, DRAWS THOUSANDS TOURISTS
(REUTER, SUN).

7. PHILIPPINES

WP'S FURLONG WRITES ABOUT ALI MANAGER DON KING WHO
CONCEIVED IDEA HAVE FIGHTS SPONSORED BY NATIONS,
ZAIRE, MALAYSIA, NOW PHILS. GOP ADVANCED 2.8 MILLION
DOLS IN EXCHANGE PUBLICITY, PROMOTION; WILL RECEIVE
NET 1.2 MILLION DOLS IN TAXES.
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8. SEATO

USSR SEES SEATO END AS SIGN ASIAN CHANGES, INCLUDING
NEW FOREIGN POLITICAL ORIENTATION MEMBER COUNTRIES,
"POSITIVE CHANGES" IN WORLD ARENA. STATES REAL PURPOSE
ALLIANCE WAS CREATE FORMAL BASIS FOR US INTERVENTION
IN SEA (AP, NYT). CSM'S SCHMIDT SEES SEATO S END
FREEING SEA COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN OWN REGIONAL
TIES THROUGH ASEAN. ADDS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT THESE
NATIONS TAKE NEUTRALIST, NONALIGNED STAND THOUGH FRIENDLY
TO US IN MOST CASES. REMARKS SEATO REMAINED ONLY PALE
SHADOW OF NATO, SINCE CHARTER WORDING ENABLED MOST
MEMBERS AVOID ACTION.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

AMB KOMER IN LTR TO WP DEFENDS DATA AVAILABLE BEFORE
TET OFFENSIVE AGAINST SAM ADAMS' ACCUSATIONS OF
FALSIFICATION. CALLS ADAMS' VIEWS BIASED, SELF-SERVING.
SAYS DIFFERENCES IN ESTIMATES DUE QUESTION INCLUSION
MARGINAL CATEGORIES VC SELF-DEFENSE FORCES IN MIL
ORDER OF BATTLE. ADDS US NOT SURPRISED BY VC STRENGTH
DURING OFFENSIVE, BUT BY "BRILLIANT" INFILTRATION
OF CITIES.

10. GENERAL

ROSENFELD (WP) QUOTES RAY CLINE ON DETENTE, INCLUDING
DISTRUST OF PRC, RECOMMENDATION FOR "OCEANS" ALLIANCE
WITH IMPORTANT COUNTRIES SHARING POL, ECON, STRATEGIC
INTERESTS THAT WOULD INCLUDE EUROPE, ISRAEL, ROC, JAPAN,
AUSTRALIA. ROSENFELD CRITICIZES CONCEPT BECAUSE CLINE
DOWNPLAYS SINO-SOVIET RIFT, AMONG OTHER REASONS.

EUGENE ROSTOW (WSJ) SAYS SINCE 1973 WHEN INDOCHINA PLANS
BEGAN GO WRONG, HAK HAS BEEN CALLING FOR NATL DEBATE,
BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY, CONSIDERS DETENTE, NOTES OUR
STRENGTH BASED ON SINO-SOVIET RIFT. QUOTES MAO, "I

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AM DETENTE," BECAUSE KEEPS MILLION SOVIET TROOPS

IMMOBILIZED IN SIBERIA; IF NOT, THEY WOULD "SWARM OVER EUROPE." BELIEVES ADVANTAGES US-CHINA RAPPROACHMENT BEING FRITTERED AWAY. SAYS USSR DOUBLE-CROSSED US IN INDOCHINA BY RENEGING ON PROMISE NVN GET OUT LAOS, CAMBODIA, LEAVE SVN TO SVIETS IN EXCHANGE US WITHDRAWALS; SOVIET /PRC'S THAN BACKED NVN OFFENSIVE, AND "WE DID NOT EVEN BLEAT." STATES IN MAY, 72, CONCERNED OVER PRC'S MOVE FOR US PROTECTION, USSR PROMISED NIXON WOULD SUPPORT UN EFFORTS AT ME PEACE. BELIEVES PRES, HAK YIELDED TO USSR BLACKMAIL IN SEA, OTHER AREAS. COMMENTS ERROR TO BELIEVE CONCESSIONS, OR SILENCE, COULD INDUCE USSR LEADERS ACCEPT RULES INTL LAW AS BASIS FOR BEHAVIOR.

11. CHINA

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, SEES BLACK AFRICA SCENE OF SINO-SOVIET "BLOODY FIGHT BY PROXY," AS COMMUNIST GIANTS BACK RIVAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. PEKING BECAME UNWILLINGLY CAUGHT UP IN COMPLEX ANGOLA FACTIONAL STRUGGLE IN ORDER COMBAT "SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM."

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN PEKING, FINDS FEW EXPERTS YET PROFESS TO KNOW EXACT OBJECTIVES OR SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENT PRC "WATER MARGIN" CAMPAIGN. ADDING TO AIR OF PEKING INTRIGUE, MYSTERY, CHIANG CHING HAS SPOKEN PUBLICLY FOR FIRST TIME SINCE GPCR DAYS, YAO WEN-YUAN HAS CONTINUED KEEP BUSY SCHEDULE, WHILE LITTLE SEEN OF WANG HUGN-WEN; PREPARATIONS FOR NEW FIVE AND 10-YEAR PLANS HAVE GOT UNDERWAY IN EARNEST WITH CONVENING OF NATIONAL AGRIC CONFERENCE, AND OFFICIALS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED INCIDENTS OF "FACTIONALISM." BUT MAO/CHOU HEALTH REMAINS BIGGEST, MOST SENSITIVE ISSUE OF ALL, TOGETHER WITH SUCCESSION QUESTION. KISSINGER

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